

**CITY OF BROKEN ARROW
LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 18, 2007**

The Low Impact Development Committee Agenda for this meeting was posted on June 29, 2007 at 9:27 a.m. on the City Hall Bulletin Board, 200 S. First Street.

The Broken Arrow Low Impact Development Committee met on July 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Jeff Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Members Present:

Jeff Bigby, Broken Arrow Stormwater Manager
Craig Thurmond, Tulsa County Conservation District
Michael Skates, Broken Arrow Development Services Director
Bruce Arnold, Broken Arrow Director of Engineering
Scott Esmond, Broken Arrow Parks Director
Ellen Stevens, Private Practice Engineer
Vernon Seaman, INCOG Senior Environmental Planner
Debra Limon, Administrative Assistant

Members absent:

Steve Arant, Broken Arrow Streets and Stormwater Director
Mike Lester, Broken Arrow City Council
John McElhenney, INCOG Senior Civil Engineer

2. **General Business:**

2A. Committee Mission Statement: Draft Mission Statements from INCOG and Mike Lester were circulated to the Committee. After discussion on intent, the following Mission Statement was developed:

"The Mission of the Broken Arrow Low Impact Development Committee is to develop policies that encourage the incorporation of low impact development techniques into all public and private developments in Broken Arrow. Through sound policy and good science, identify and implement development practices that minimize disturbance of the natural environment. "

2B. Low Impact Development practices and methods to study further as a committee: When asked, Jeff Bigby explained the Stormwater

development fee process. It was suggested that more green space could be tied into reduced fee-in-lieu of costs.

Scott Esmond indicated his department might consider a reduction in the currently assessed Park and bedroom fees if more green and trees were incorporated into projects.

Ellen Stevens stated she was aware of communities that outlined their incentives programs in book-form, making it easier for developers to avail themselves of these programs.

Street widths, lot setbacks and pervious surface treatments were discussed. Detention facilities/ponds need to be better designed to hold water, but also treat stormwater for better environmental quality.

Government needs to partner with developers and builders and possibly showcase these developments through various media efforts to increase lot sales.

It was agreed that the actual consumer, future property owners, need to get involved. Education on environmentally friendly building is necessary. Although government can regulate construction, the market will drive the issues. Initial construction costs might be higher but the result will be lower utility bills.

3. Adjournment: Chairman Jeff Bigby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.